CITY OF CHANDLER RECREATION DIVISION TENNIS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

LEVELS OF PLAY/RATINGS

- 1. The City of Chandler levels for Adult leagues are 2.5-3.0, 3.0-3.5, 3.5-4.0, 4.0-4.5, 4.5+. Levels of play for the League are described in terms of "maximum" ratings. Players cannot have a rating higher than the league level in which they are competing. It is not necessary for players on a doubles team to be of the same rating. However, if there is a mixture of abilities, the team may compete only at the level of the highest rated player.
- 2. New players must be rated at a Chandler Tennis Center rating clinic before registering for league play.
- 3. Advancement to the next level of league play is achieved through defeating everyone in your league division, winning league by number of points three seasons in a row, or by CTC approval.

MATCH LENGTH:

- 1. Each match is allotted 1.5 hours to finish.
- 2. Warm-up time should be limited to 5 minutes. The clock will start 5 minutes after court time.

SCORING

- 1. It is the winner's responsibility to report the scores to the front desk after match.
- 2. Traditional scoring: love, 15, 30, 40, deuce, advantage in/advantage out, game. Six games by a margin of two for the set; 12-point tie-breaker (see pg. 2).
- 3. Complete 2 out of 3 sets, traditional scoring. If the sets are split, a third set is allowed <u>only</u> if there is enough time available to complete with in 1.5-hour match time. If there is no time left, a 12-point tiebreaker (see pg. 2) <u>must</u> be played to determine winner of split set.
- 4. Winner of straight sets receives three points, split sets receives two points and loser of split sets receives 1 point. A substitution receives ½ points won for the regularly scheduled player.

SUBSTITUTIONS/RESCHEDULING

- 1. It is the player's responsibility to find a sub from the sub list provided.
- 2. The player must inform the Chandler Tennis Center with the substitute's name and contact information at least one hour before match time. Please leave a message on the voice mail if a Chandler Tennis Center representative is not available.
- 3. If a substitute is not available, the player must call the Chandler Tennis Center prior to match night.
- 4. Re-scheduling matches must be approved by the CTC and must be played within one week of regularly scheduled match. (Court availability varies. Call CTC to secure a court for the rescheduled time.)
- 5. Each player is allotted 2 reschedules within one season. If unable to secure a sub and 2 reschedules have been used player must forfeit match.
- 6. If unable to reschedule within one week of regularly scheduled match, player must forfeit match.

CONDUCT

- 1. It is expected for all players to abide by the universal rules of tennis of good conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.
- 2. The CTC reserves the right to eject any player who uses inappropriate language and/or unsportsmanlike behavior. An ejection will result in a forfeit of the current match and a one-week suspension.
- 3. Outrageous Conduct: A verbal tirade and fusillade of abusive language, gestures, or threats towards other players, fans, officials or City Staff; physical contact with another player, fan, official or City staff and throwing, kicking or striking of objects in a threatening or dangerous manner. Harassing behavior such as following another player, fan, official or City staff off the court, into the parking lot or off the premises, or any attempt to block the departure of other players, fan, officials or City staff from their departure. Such conduct can lead to a full calendar year suspension or more and possible criminal prosecution.

FORFEITS

- 1. United States Tennis Association (USTA) 15-minute default rule is in effect.
- 2. The clock will start at match time.
- 3. You are allotted one forfeit each season.
- 4. More than one forfeit will result in a \$5.00 fee for each forfeit and must be paid prior to your next game or that game will be forfeited also. All fees must be paid at the Chandler Tennis Center's front desk.
- 5. After three forfeits, you will be dropped from the league.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. It is the responsibility of the player listed on the right side of the schedule to provide a new can of tennis balls.
- 2. League Champions will receive a t-shirt provided by the Chandler Tennis Center.
- 3. If weather looks questionable, call CTC at 480-782-2650 after 5pm. Cancellations due to inclement weather will be made up the following week, which will push back league play for one week.
- 4. Alcoholic beverages of any nature are prohibited on Chandler Tennis Center grounds. This includes: courts, pro shop <u>and parking lot</u>. Violation may result in criminal prosecution.

12-POINT TIE-BREAKER

If two players have a score of 6-6 in any given set, a 12 point tie-breaking system is used to decide the winner of the set.

Whoever's turn it is to serve next (Player A) serves the first serve of the tie-break to the Deuce side of the court (to the right).

The next two serves of the tie-breaker are made by the other player (Player B). The first of which is served to the Advantage side (to the left) and the second to the Deuce side.

Now Player A has two serves starting with the first going to the Advantage side and then to the Deuce side.

This format is continued – alternating every two serves.

Sides are switched every six points (traditional scoring is not used, each serve determines a point).

The winner of the tie-breaker and set is determined by the first player to reach seven points by a margin of two.

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